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QUESTION

1. ATTEMPT AN INCISIVE INTERROGATIVE OF SOLOMON A. EDEBOR GOOD MORNING SODOM, UNDERSCORING AT LEAST FIVE THEMES THE DRAMA ENGAGES

2. ATTEMPT DETAILED CHARACTER ANALYSIS OF ANY THREE CHARACTERS IN SOLOMON A. EDEBOR GOOD MORNING SODOM

3. WHAT ARE THE POINTS OF DIVERGENCE BETWEEN THE PUBLISHED AND THE FILM VERSION OF GOOD MORNING SODOM?.

ANSWERS

Themes or thematic preoccupation can be seen as the central or main idea in literary work of art. In "good morning sodom" there are various themes ranging from major to minor theme which will be explained below.

1. PEER INFLUENCE-Peer influence or peer pressure is when you do something you normally wouldn't do, because you want to feel accepted and valued by people. In this play one can see that peer pressure/influence has a role in the life of demola and Keziah didn't fall victim to peer pressure. In movement five, Keziah friends, Ovie and Bunmi tries to convince Keziah into giving demola a chance though, she didn't fall for it. Keziah does not trust boys because she believes they are only interested in sex.

Peer influence has a major impact in the life of demola, the theme of peer pressure revolves around majorly around him. In the seventh movement, it is seen that kk influenced demola negatively to join a cult, use hard drugs as he stated in movement 7 page 39 "but you need this now, man to banish your sorrow and guilt, you need something to make you feel high"

and on top of that rape Keziah. Under this theme, minor themes come up such as use of hard drugs, social vices. Etc.

2. CULTISM-Cultism can be seen as a ritual practice by a group of people whose memberships, initiation, policies and group activities are done secretly.

In the play "good morning sodom" one can see that the theme of cultism essentially revolves around kk. In movement 7 the members of the red shadows confraternity engage in blood covenant and

the death of the dagren and fistula is as a result of them belonging to a secret cult. Cultism led to the death of demola in the tenth movement. kk and some of the other cult members caught got expelled and has a sentence of two year imprisonment, kk is given life imprisonment for the man slaughter of demola.

3.SEXUAL ABUSE –Sexual abuse is a sexual act forced upon a woman, man or child, without their consent. Sexual abuse includes abuse of a woman, man or child without their abuse.

The theme of sexual abuse revolves around Keziah who is raped by demola and stella who was raped 7 years before that of keziah. demola rapes Keziah in the sixth movement.

Kk was able to influence demola into giving Keziah a substance to take so that she can pass out and can be raped since apparently she likes playing “hard to get” as stated by Keziah “not that .im just feeling somehow is as if my eyes are turning, and my head is light” demola goes ahead to act fool like he didn’t know what has happened he proceeds to tease her saying “you know your jack the reader I think It is simply a sign your suffering from extreme mental fatigue”

After Keziah passed out demola listens to kk advice and rape Keziah in her state of unconciousness.

Another state of sexual abuse or harassment can be seen in the case of stella who is Keziah roommate, when Keziah was venting to her friend, stella opened up about her horrific past and how she was a victim of sexual abuse when she was 14 years of age in her pastors house to Daniel and tosin, the pastors son and two of their friends.

4.ABSENTEE PARENTING-Absentee parenting is a term used in relation to regarding statutory child support in relation to the parent with whom a child does not primarily live or it could also mean a parent who is unavailable it could be emotional, physical. In the play engineer diran and mrs.diran ,demola parents failed as parents and it led to the death of their son demola. They realized how they allowed the desire to secure the child financial structure becloud their sense of duty as parents who should see to the well being of their children not only financially and materially but also physically, psychologically and emotionally.

Absentee parenting can also be found in the characteristics of dr Richards who right from movement one wasn’t there for his daughter. The theme of absentee parenting mainly revolves around dr Richards when his daughter Keziah has an unwanted pregnancy due to rape, at that movement one needs support of all kind because as we all know it really mentally, emotionally and physically tasking but it is at that moment dr Richards decides to disown his daughter.

SUICIDE-Though suicide is a minor theme, one can still see the theme of suicide in this play. Suicide can be seen as the act or instance of taking ones life voluntarily or intentionally. A person who commits or attempt suicide can be said to suicidal.

In the play suicide can be said to revolve around Keziah who is the protagonist of the play.

In the eighteenth movement Keziah was found almost dead cause she attempted to take her own life.

Dr Richards comes home to see the house unusually scattered, he is obviously wondering where Keziah is for the house to be in such state as he says "where is this girl she even left the front door open" and he goes inside to the tv side only to see his daughter [Keziah] suicide note which goes "dad, mom by the time you read this letter, I would have been long dead. I want you to know that I am very sorry for all the hurt and embarrassment I have caused you. I know you have the best plans for my life. Im sorry for not measuring up to your standard..." Keziah attempted suicide due to the way people arounded her treated her especiahy her dad who is support her the most in those crucial times but rather tried to disown her, she felts her parents were disappointed and she didn't meet up to the expectations of her dad.

Her suicide attempt luckily failed and her daughter made it alive.

Stella: Stella is Keziah's roommate and she is the one who consoled Keziah on the rape incident and told her everything is going to be fine. She was a God fearing girl who was raped when she was fourteen years in her pastor's house when she had gone there for fellowship with her father by the pastor's sons, Daniel and Tosin and two of their friends when the pastor and her father had gone out for something urgent. She was raped in turns and had to be hospitalized, her parents didn't press charges because of the persuasion for the boys parents and influential elders in the church, so, they all relocated for a fresh start but the damage had been done. As a result of the incident, she hated God, blamed him for everything and was angry that God wasn't there for her when she need him the most. Even though she followed her parents to church her heart had been hardened and she dabbled in all forms of immorality and became an expert when she entered the university, It gave her an opportunity to take her promiscuity to the next level until one night she had a dream about being disgraced and being an open ridicule, by the time she woke up, she had a knock on the door from Emmanuella, Stella's floor mate who came to her preaching about the word of God but she ignored it. Two weeks later, Stella had the same dream but this time she was mortified and it was about a man trying to drown her by taking her to the heart of the river and when she woke she was terrified, coincidentally it was a Sunday, she grabbed herself to church and gave her life to God and she turned a new leaf.

DR. Richards: DR. Richards is Keziah's father. He is a doctor who is always busy working and travelling for place to place. He chooses not to follow Mrs. Richards to the University to visit Keziah because he had travelled for work, Keziah was hurt though she cheered up cause she knew her father would make it up to her. dr Richards didn't necessarily fulfill his role as a father in the life of Keziah, the theme of absentee parenting revolves around him, he left Keziah at the very moment in which he needed her the most. He was very disappointed that Keziah had gotten herself pregnant and he felt that Keziah didn't meet up to the expectations he had for her. He ignored Keziah, didn't even look at her and didn't refer to her as his daughter but instead Mrs. Richards daughter this made Keziah attempt suicide cause she felt sad that she had lost her father's love. DR. Richards was the one that read the letter and found Keziah on the floor in her bedroom unconscious and rushed her to the hospital when he rushed home because he had forgotten a document because of Keziah's attempt at suicide it made DR. Richards amend their broken relationship and after Keziah had given birth she enrolled her in school, University of Ibadan and gave her an apartment to be staying in close to school with a maid, Chinenye who will assist in raising her child.

K.k: K.K who's real name is Nkanga Nwoko is the only surviving child of his widowed mother, Mrs. Nkanga who struggles daily roasting plantain by the roadside to finance his education. Kk is portrayed as a bad character and his attributes have adverse effects on the people around him. K.K is

most known in the play for the negative effects he had on demola. He influenced demola negatively in so many ways, starting of by influencing him to rape Keziah and ontop of that giving him hard drugs to help his "sorrow' He made Demola join the cult because he was rich and he shot him mistakenly in a fight with their rival cult because the rival cult had killed one of their members, Dagren and Festula. K.K was caught by the police, expelled by the school with other members for belonging to a secret cult and also given life imprisonment for the man slaughter of Demola with two years imprisonment for belonging to a secret cult and to pay a fine of hundred thousand naira for the possession of fire arms. He later apologised to Engr. Diran and Mrs. Diran, Demola's parents for the pain he had caused them for being a bad influence on their son and leading him to his death

3. Some of the major differences between the film version and book version of good morning Sodom by dr. Solomon edebor include;

1. in the book the DPO was a lady but in the movie it was a man
2. in the movie when stella was telling her story, three guys went in to discuss but in the book two guys went into discuss.
3. in the book demola was said to be joining the cult but in the movie he was already a member
4. in the movie 4 cultist were apprehended but in the book I was 3.
5. in the movie, there was no mrs diran but there was in the book.
6. in the movement they showed movement 20 before 19.